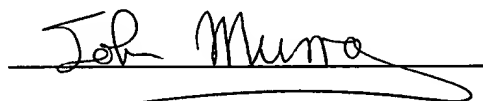


REMARKS

Claims 17 and 19–36 are pending. Claims 21, 35, and 36 are amended to correct clerical errors. No new matter is added by way of the amendments to the claims. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4229.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Murray", written over a horizontal line.

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